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With the Coin Collector

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Australian War Medal—Coincident with the dedication of the Australian War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux on the Somme battlefront by King George VI on July 22, France issued a medal picturing King George and Queen Elizabeth on the obverse and the memorial monument on the reverse. The dedication originally was planned for July 1, which date is shown on the medal, but due to the King's illness the dedication was postponed.

The memorial commemorates 11,000 Australian soldiers who fell in the battles around the village during the World War and who were listed as "missing." The memorial sits on top of a little hill near the village overlooking the historic battlefield and near the war cemetery where the long lines of crosses mark the graves of identified soldiers. The base of the memorial is an ashlar wall forming three sides of a courtyard and on this wall have been carved the names of the missing.

Herald Tribune photo—Acme

The medal issued for the dedication of the Australian War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux on the Somme Battlefield

Tien Tsin Bamboo Tokens—The Chase National Bank Collection of Moneys of the World has received two bamboo tokens of one and two cash denominations issued in Tien Tsin, China, during a shortage of coin money there last fall. The tokens are split rectangular pieces of bamboo wood, with small holes in one end, and are three-fourths of an inch wide, one-fourth of an inch thick and two and a half inches long, respectively. A legend in Chinese characters appears on one side only

Ripstra Heads A. N. A.—J. Henri Ripstra, of Chicago, was re-elected president of the American Numismatic Association at the annual convention held at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, Thursday. Other officers elected were H. W. Walker, of Warren, Ohio, and H. L. Hansen, of Alameda, Calif., vice-presidents; M. V. Sheldon, of Chicago, secretary; George H. Blake, of Jersey City, treasurer; William S. Dewey, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., librarian, and J. M. Henderson, of Columbus, Ohio; Martin F. Kortjohn, of New York; L. W. Hoffecker, of El Paso; H. X. Boosel, of Washington, and W. A. Philpott jr., of Dallas, governors.

Coin Auction—Stack's, numismatists, of 32 West Forty-sixth Street, have announced an auction of United States, American Colonial, foreign and ancient gold, silver and copper coins on September 16 and 17 at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

some points of material inaccuracy. The estimate of Jimmy's insurance revenue was from ten to a hundred times too great. The statement that Jimmy "got a lion's share of the business of insuring liquor imports" and the implication that this was because importers believed it expedient to insure with him in order to get import permits is repelled with the categorical declaration that neither Jimmy nor his firm has ever directly or indirectly insured a single bottle of imported whisky. A message to Warm Springs bespeaking "good care" for Mr. George Washington Hill, of the American Tobacco Company, was not, as implied, instrumental in securing the big policy on Mr. Hill's life; it was sent several months later than the time assigned to it by Mr. Johnston and long after the policy had been written. All Jimmy hoped was that it would help in getting him more business. But it did not.

At other points Mr. Johnston appears to have erred, and not on the side favorable to his subject. But the substance of the reply lies in Jimmy's explanations, in the case of every important contract mentioned by Mr. Johnston, of the non-political reasons why Jimmy got them. His firm underbid competitors or offered more satisfactory conditions or worked more diligently on prospects or happened to know more of the right people. As to all these matters—as to the extent of Jimmy's industry, ability and non-political connections, as to the amount of actual insurance service which was mixed with the "prestige" of the Roosevelt name—one has Jimmy's word for it and is left to draw one's own conclusions. Evidently, the original article was no carefully dispassionate study but an indictment, which had its weak spots. Equally, the reply is no sober self-analysis, but a defense, not without its possible loopholes. And it still leaves to the reader's judgment the central question of the ethics and propriety of a young man's rising high in the insurance business with the freely admitted help of the Presidential name.

Perhaps Jimmy was not a political insur-